

APPROVALS - Machinery for seeking approval for operational missions.

The mission originates with a requirement which comes to the Agency/OSA from COMOR(COMIREX).

The requirement promulgated by COMIREX goes to USIB which is charged with intelligence community policy, the DCI being Chairman). If USIB approves the proposal, the Chairman asks COMIREX to prepare a brief for the Special Group.

The Special Group is on call by the President's representative on the Group (in May 1962 this was Gen. Maxwell Taylor--later McGeorge Bundy, later Walt Rostow). Also represented on SG are DCI, Deputy Secty of Defense, and State (Under Secretary).

The Special Group may give the go-ahead unless the mission is sufficiently important to refer it to the President. Also if there is a contentious issue involved it may, at the discretion of the President's representative on the Group, be brought to the President's level for decision.

If the operation is approved a minute is produced by SG giving approval for the specific mission or number of missions during a specific period and if necessary directing that further approvals be sought to continue the operation.

/ Check on when the NRO/NRP monthly forecast came into being covering blanket approvals under which regularly programmed operations operate/

IG Survey of OSA (DPD) (Memo to DD/R from Ledford) 4 Oct 62

Recommended answers relating to IG Survey recommendations:

Re: Para 1 [REDACTED]-1576-62) 25X1A

[REDACTED] 25X1A

Para 3. With establishment of NRO responsibility for improved quality of vehicle and camera and overall programming and operations will rest with NRO. (satellite program)

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Para 8. Former Chief DPD, position now titled AD/OSA/DD-R has been filled by Col. Jack C. Ledford.

Para 13. Development Branch has been reorganized with two basic sections responsible for aero systems and space systems respectively. Other functions formerly concern of Devel Br have been assigned to a new division within OSA for engineering analysis; devel of ECM gear has been designated responsibility of OEL.